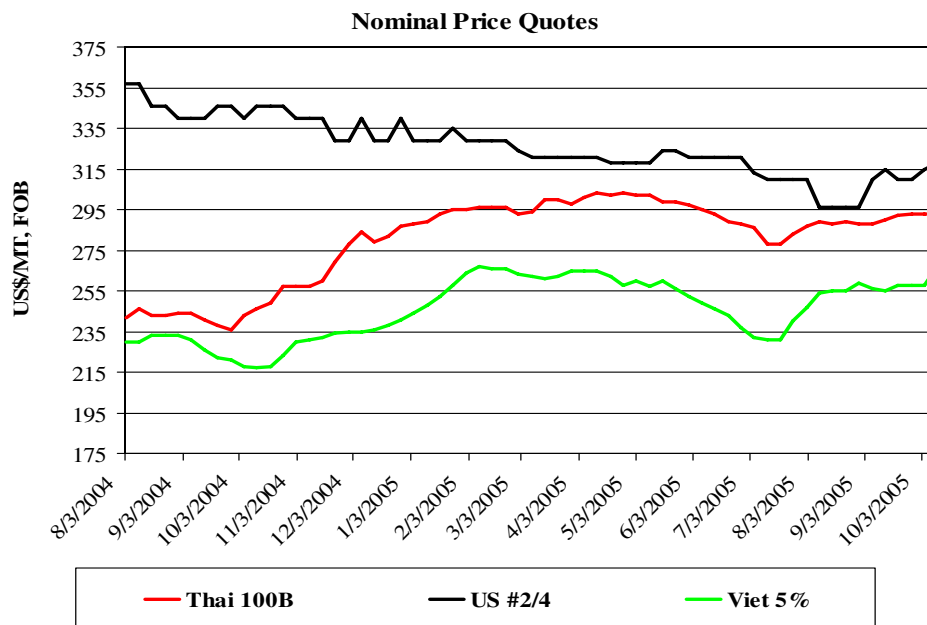

RICE: WORLD MARKETS AND TRADE

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

Record Imports Expected in Senegal: In addition to its traditional demand from Thailand and India, Senegal is buying unusually large quantities of broken rice from non-traditional suppliers such as Brazil, Uruguay, and Argentina. Traders expect that some of the exports may be destined for reshipment to other countries, particularly Niger and Mali, where there are reported shortfalls due to locusts.

PRICES:

International: Asian rice prices have jumped over the last month. Price quotes for Thai 100B are up \$5 at \$293 per ton, FOB, supported by the announced intervention prices set to begin November 1. Overseas buyers remain withdrawn from the Thai market despite limited exportable supplies from other exporters. Viet price quotes for 5% are up \$11 at \$267 per ton, FOB, due to tight supplies, although there are currently no sales at these high levels. India 5% is up \$6 at \$258 per ton, FOB.



Domestic: U.S. prices increased by \$8 over the month, with #2/4 currently quoted at \$318 per ton, FOB. The medium grain market in California continues to strengthen. Current quotes for U.S. #1/4 sacked are \$485 per ton, FOB.

TRADE CHANGES IN 2006

Selected Exporters

- **Egypt** is up 100,000 to 850,000 tons with greater supplies on higher yields.

Selected Importers

- **Brazil** is up 150,000 to 750,000 tons due to a reduction in production.
- **South Korea** is increased 55,000 to 305,000 tons because of delayed tendering for the 2005 year.

TRADE CHANGES IN 2005

Selected Exporters

- **Brazil** is raised 100,000 to 300,000 tons largely based on increased sales to Senegal.
- With continued strong shipments, **Egypt** is up 100,000 to a record 1.1 million tons.
- **Thailand** is reduced 250,000 to 7.5 million tons as the export pace falls further behind last year.
- **Vietnam** is boosted 300,000 to 4.8 million tons due to increased shipments to Africa, Philippines, Cuba, and Iran.

Selected Importers

- **Brazil** is raised 75,000 to 500,000 tons due to increased movement from Uruguay and Argentina.
- **Colombia** is lowered 25,000 to 50,000 tons because of reduced border trade.
- **Guatemala** is increased 25,000 to 75,000 tons on more shipments from the United States.
- **South Korea** is dropped 55,000 to 175,000 tons as a result of delayed tendering for this year's WTO import commitments.
- With strong parboiled shipments from Thailand and India, **Nigeria** is up 100,000 to 1.6 million tons.
- **Senegal** is increased 100,000 to a record 1.0 million tons, due to increased import demand.

Note: Historical revisions have been made this month to select Sub-Saharan Africa countries.